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**GUIDELINES FOR 'GYPSY WRITERS' APPLICANTS**

Extending the Romani Cultural and Arts Company's highly successful Gypsy Maker programme, five emerging writers will be commissioned for a competitive mentoring and writing development programme. Applicants must be Gypsy, Roma and Travellers and must not have previously published their creative writing online or in print.

Applications to participate in the programme will be accepted from 15th September 2023 via email to [grtwriters@romaniarts.co.uk](mailto:grtwriters@romaniarts.co.uk). Each author will be paid £2,000 and must commit to being available for the duration of the mentoring scheme from September 2023 until July 2024.

'Gypsy Writers' is a highly competitive scheme which aims to nourish the rich talent in Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities and bring exciting, marginalised voices to the attention of the publishing industry. Please read these guidelines carefully to ensure success.

**Dates:**

Applications for the programme are open from [15th September 2023]. Applicants must confirm availability for mentoring both online and in person during this period.

**How to apply:**

Applicants should write a short outline (600 words or less) about their interest in creative writing. This should briefly explain what they seek to learn by participating in the programme and any aspirations for the future. They might include references to short stories, novels or poetry they have enjoyed reading, including any inspirational Gypsy, Roma and Traveller writers.

Successful applicants will not previously have been published. However, they must have a strong interest in creative writing. Applications with a creative sample of your writing are preferred but not essential, particularly for new writers. Those with a samples may wish to include up to 10 pages - this can be poetry or prose - to demonstrate their current level of skill and give the selector's a sense of your imagination. Those without may consider writing something new for the application.

We understand this writing will likely be a work in progress and it is the intention of the programme to help elevate this work to industry standard

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through the development of new technical skills and approaches to improve your writing practice.

**Apply:**

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Applications to be received by 12 noon on Friday 13th October 2023.  
Applications will not be accepted after this time and date.